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LOK SABHA

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POLLUTION IN YAMUNA RIVER
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the two Yamuna Action Plans launched in 1993 for improving the quality of Yamuna have not proved effective ;

(b) if so, the: details thereof ;

(c) the expt ;nditure made on these proj ects and the achievements made so far;

(d) whethe r the Supreme Court has recently made any observation regarding the failure, to clean Yamuna;

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f) the 1i urther action proposed to be taken by the Government particularly in viev f of the forthcoming Commonwealth Games ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO MARAIN MEENA)

(&)to(f)A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (f) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 278 to be answered on Monday, the 12th December, 2005 on swered on Monday, the 12th De `Pollution in Yamuna River`

(a) to (c) The Yamuna Action Plan (YAP) Phase-I was started by this Ministry in April, 1993 in the three States of UP, Delhi & Haryana with funding from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and was completed in February, 2003. A total of 255 schemes of pollution abatement were completed including 34 sewage treatment plants having additional treatment capacity of 741 million litres per day

(mid) at a total expenditure of Rs. 678 crore,

The JBIC has also committed financial assistance for implementation of the YAP Phase-II through tr.ds Ministry, the wo.rks of which have started in December, 2004. The project was approved for the three Sv.ates of Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh at an estimated cost of Rs. 624 crore with the target of completion in September, 2008. The majojT item of wor3.cs to be implemented under YAP Phase-II include :

Rehabilitation of trunk sewers (30.82 kms.) and works of Sewage Treatment

Plants(I 35- mid new and 324 mid rehabilitation) in Delhi.

Construction of Sewage Treatment Plants (54 mid) and Rehabilitation of Sewer Lines/Rising Mains (85.7 Kms.) in UP.

Interception & Diversion of Sewer Lines (73 kms.) and improvements in the efficiencies of existing Sewage Treatment Plants in Haryana.

In addition to the above Action Plan, the Government of National Capital Territory (NCIf) of Delhi has also taken up large scale non-sewerage, sewerage and sewage treatment works out of their own plan funds.Due to phenomenal increase in population and sewage generation in the intervening years, the quality of water in Yamuna in the stretch between DelhJ and Agra has, however. not shown the desired improvement.

(d) to (f) Hon`ble Supreme Court on 7th September, 2005 in the matter of PIL No.724/1994 hfiS issued directions for teiking up the pollution abatement works in Yamuna in a time b ound manner and that the progress in this regard be reviewed periodically b,v the Government of NCT of Delhi smd in addition by an Apex Committee under the Hon`ble Court.The Delhi Jal Board has decided to appoint international consultants for a comprehensive study to find out a complete solution for pollution abatement in the river Yam1 ana at Delhi.